Financial Assistance to Andhra Pradesh for paddy Cultivation

4043. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have; received any proposals from the Govern ment of Andhra Pradesh seeking financial assistance for the paddy cultivation in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Central Gov-ernment thereon; and

(d) the details of financial assi-tance released so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The Government of India has received a proposal from Andhra Pradesh State seeking financial assistance for the implementation of continuing Centrally sponsored scheme "Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice)", for 1995-96.

(b) The proposal of the scheme includes programme components of organisation of Field Demonstrations, Farmers' Trainings, Distribution of Certified Seeds, Distribution of Improved Farm Implements, Awards to Gram Panchayat for maximising productivity, etc. The proposed outlay of the scheme is Rs. 11.00 crore comprising GOI share of about Rs. 8.5 crore.

(c) and (d) The proposal of the State Government is as per norms provided under the scheme, except the proposal for distribution of seeds of some crop varieties and power-drawn-farm-imple-i ments which are not eligible. The administrative approval for the implementation of the scheme during 1995-96, on existing basis, has been issued permitting the State *to* utilize unspent balances available with them from last year's releases.

Central Assistance to Fanners in Tamil Nadu

4044. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount provided re-cently as Central Assistance by the Central Government to Tamil Nadu Government for distribution among small and marginal fanners; and

(b) whether only a small part of such Central Assistance has been distributed to the small and marginal fanners and the remaining parts of the assistance is being kept unutilised with the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) An amount of Rs. 53.82 crores was released to the State Government as per following details:—

(i)	1992-93 —	Rs. 39.90 crores
(ii)	1993-94 —	Rs. 13.92 crores
		Rs. 53.82 crores

(b) The State Government has reported full utilisation of the Central assistance.

Assistance to State Governments

4045. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE bo pleased to state the extent of assistance provided to the State Governments in the form of good quality seeds of pulses during, 1993-94 and 1994-95, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): The statement is enclosed.